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OF AMERICA INTERVIEW WITH AMB. YOUNG ON THE OCTOBER 18, 1977
BANNINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA. INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER
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QUOTE: VOA INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG -
10/19/77

AMB. YOUNG: THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS ARE TRAGIC
BECAUSE THE SOUTH AFRICANS SEEM TO BE REPRESSING THEIR
MODERATES. IT IS IRONIC, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT STALIN

DID AND WHAT THE VIETNAMESE DID. WHEN YOU KILL OFF YOUR MODERATES, WHEN YOU CRUSH, YOU ARE ONLY FORCING PEOPLE TO MOVE TO THE EXTREMES, TO THE LEFT AND TO THE RIGHT. AND IN DOING THAT, I THINK THEY ARE DOING THE THING THAT HURTS THEM THE MOST. THEIR ONLY FUTURE IS TO FIND SOME WAY TO BRIDGE THE POLARIZATION, BUT THEY ARE CREATING IT. I THINK THEY ARE PANICKED, THEY ARE FRIGHTENED, AND THEY ARE COMMITTING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SUICIDE.

JOHN GUERRINI: CAN YOU JUST SAY ONE MORE THING - WHAT IS THIS KIND OF ACTION APT TO DO TO THE UNITED STATES ATTITUDE TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA, BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN ITS ACTIONS HERE AT THE UNITED NATIONS?

YOUNG: WELL, OUR REACTIONS REMAIN THE SAME. THE OTHER IRONY IS THAT THEY TEND TO BE VERY IRRATIONAL ABOUT THEIR OWN SITUATION, BUT THEY CAN BE QUITE REASONABLE SOMETIMES IN DEALING WITH NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA. I THINK THEY WANT TO GET THOSE PROBLEMS OFF THEIR HANDS. AND SO IT MIGHT BE THAT OUR INITIATIVES WILL MOVE FORWARD EVEN FASTER, BECAUSE I THINK THEY HAVE DECIDED THAT BOTH THE PROBLEMS IN RHODESIA AND THE PROBLEMS IN NAMIBIA ARE A DRAIN ON THEIR RESOURCES AND ARE HURTING THEM. UNQUOTE. YOUNG

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